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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Ken MIYAGI, Yasuhide OHUCHI, Atsuko HIRATA, Kousuke

DOI, Hidekatsu KOHARA, and Toshimasa Nakayama, entitled

PHENOL NOVOLAK RESIN, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF, AND

POSITIVE PHOTORESIST COMPOSITION USING THE SAME

Assignee: TOKYO OHKA KOGYO CO., LTD.

Our Ref: Q79837



This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/793,958 (Confirmation No. 2382) filed February 27, 2001, of Ken MIYAGI, Yasuhide OHUCHI, Atsuko HIRATA, Kousuke DOI, Hidekatsu KOHARA, and Toshimasa Nakayama, entitled PHENOL NOVOLAK RESIN, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF, AND POSITIVE PHOTORESIST COMPOSITION USING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1752.

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
Japan	2000-53503	February 29, 2000
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The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/793,958.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	12 - 20	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$.00
Independent claims	4 - 3	=	1 x	\$86.00	=	\$86.00
Base Fee					_	\$770.00
Multiple Dependent C	claim Fee				_	\$290.00

TOTAL FILING FEE \$1146.00



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A Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement are being filed concurrently herewith.

A check for the statutory fee of \$1146.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/793,958. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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